



CROCKER CHRONICLES

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Dear Crocker Farm Families,

Yes, Even Crocker Farm Is Tweeting!

By now, you've probably heard of the popular social-networking service Twitter (www.twitter.com), right? After all, everyone from President Obama to Oprah to the Red Sox—and every business from Atkins Farm to Bueno Y Sano—seems to have an account!

I'd love for you to give Twitter a chance, too, because I'm planning on using it to increase communication with the Crocker Farm community. You see, Twitter makes it easy for me to *instantaneously* disseminate useful information—links to valuable online resources for parents and students, information and photos of Crocker Farm happenings, and other items that allow us to celebrate the successes of our teachers and our students more frequently than ever before.

The best part is the messages shared in our school's Twitter stream are short and available to you in a bunch of different ways. For most parents, visiting our school's Twitter page (<http://twitter.com/#!/cfprincipal>) will probably be the best option. There is already a link from the Crocker Farm website to the Twitter page. If you're already using Twitter to communicate with friends, family, or colleagues—or if you're willing to create a free Twitter account to experiment with—you can follow our updates automatically by searching for @cfprincipal from your Twitter homepage. You can even have our messages delivered automatically to your cell phone as text messages!

I'm really proud of what we're doing here at Crocker Farm Elementary School. Our staff and students are fantastic, and I'm thankful for the support of our community. Twitter makes it possible for me to easily share our successes and to keep you up to date on what we're doing. We're excited about this communication tool and we are already using it on a regular basis—so I hope you'll consider giving us a look.

Sincerely,

Michael Morris



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Queridas Familias de Crocker Farm,

¡Sí, hasta Crocker Farm está Tweeting!

Estoy seguro de que ustedes ya han escuchado acerca de la red social tan popular Twitter (www.twitter.com), ¿verdad? ¡Después de todo, tenemos al Presidente Obama, Opera y hasta a los Red Sox—y cada negocio de Atkins Farm al Bueno y Sano—que parecen tener una cuenta!

Me encantaría que usted también tratara Twitter, porque estoy pensando utilizarlo para mejorar la comunicación con la comunidad de Crocker Farm. Entienda, que Twitter me facilita la diseminación instantánea de información útil—enlaces a recursos valiosos en línea para maestros y estudiantes, información y fotos de los acontecimientos de Crocker Farm y otros artículos que nos permiten celebrar el éxito de nuestros maestros y estudiantes más frecuentemente que nunca.

La mejor parte es el flujo de mensajes compartidos en la cuenta escolar Twitter, estos son cortos y disponibles a usted de varias maneras. Para la mayoría de los padres visitando nuestra página de web Twitter accediendo a (<http://twitter.com/#!/cfprincipal>) probablemente será la mejor opción. Ya existe una aleación en la página Web de Crocker Farm a nuestra página de Twitter. Si usted ya está usando Twitter para comunicarse con sus amigos, colegas o familia— o si usted está dispuesto a crear una cuenta con Twitter con la cual experimentar— puede seguir nuestras actualizaciones automáticamente al buscar para @cfprincipal de la página principal de su cuenta Twitter. ¡Usted puede hacer que nuestros mensajes sean dirigidos directamente a su celular en forma de mensajes de texto!

Estoy muy orgulloso de lo que estamos haciendo aquí en la Escuela Elemental Crocker Farm. Nuestros empleados y estudiantes son fantásticos y estoy agradecido del apoyo que nos brinda la comunidad. Twitter hace posible para mi poder compartir fácilmente nuestros éxitos y de mantenerles al día de lo que estamos haciendo. Estamos emocionados acerca de esta herramienta de comunicación y ya nos encontramos usándola frecuentemente—así que espero que usted considere visitarnos en Twitter.

Sinceramente,

Michael Morris



Crocker Farm
2011 Summer



Thank you!

The magic formula

89 students
+ 100's of supportive
families and sponsors
+ 100's of books read

= \$ 3,735.97 for new

books for our library

What a summer of great reading! Thanks to all of our Read-a-thon families for their support for reading and their commitment to our Crocker Farm library.

A special thanks to the members of the Read-a-thon committee and to the PGO for their financial support.

Stop by the library to see some of our beautiful new books!

Physical Education Update

We started this school year off playing cooperative games, followed by a soccer unit. When the weather was favorable we were able to go outside and enjoy the autumn season. Last week, we wrapped up our unit of recreational games, which included outdoor games and activities. My hope was to provide ideas for games and activities that promote movement and positive interactions between students while out on the playground.

This week we began our gymnastics unit which will focus primarily on floor work on the tumbling mats. Please remind your children to wear comfortable clothing and have hair tied back. Emphasis is on using the equipment and our bodies safely and warming up our muscles before we roll, balance, and tumble. We continue to warm up by running around the gym, so it is important that your child wears supportive sneakers on gym days.

It is with great enthusiasm that I share some exciting news. Last year's sixth grade class graciously left the physical education department with some funds as a class gift. It is with these funds and generous support from the PGO, that Crocker Farm will soon be receiving snowshoes to be used with grades 4-6. A sincere thanks to the PGO! Let's hope for some snow this winter! I am currently collecting extra snow boots and snow pants for our winter adventures. If you have extra snow pants or boots that your child has outgrown please consider passing them on to share with the P.E. program so all students can participate.

Stay active!

Mrs. Ferro

Achievement, Diversity & Community

ABSENT LINE: Parent/Guardians are required to call the absentee line, 362-1659 if your child will not be in school. If your child is tardy to school, please have him/her stop by the office for a pass before going to class. **Call before 9:00 to avoid getting an automated phone call.**

Linea para reporter ausencias: Se les require a todos los padres/encargados que se comuniquen con la escuela llamando al telefono 362-1656 si su hijo(a) va a estar ausente. Si su hijo(a) va a llegar tarde a la escuela por favor asegurese que su hijo (a) se reporta a la reporta a la oficina primero.

SAFETY:

- Please enter and exit through the **main entrance** during the school hours, 8:30-3. All doors will be locked from 9-2:45, including the main entrance.
- **All** visitors/parents entering the building are required to stop into the main office to sign in and receive a visitor's pass. **DO NOT** go directly to your child's room. We will be happy to assist you!
- If your child will be taking an alternate route home please send a note to inform the teacher otherwise they will go home their regularly scheduled route. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Mark your calendar, mark your calendar, mark your calendar, mark your calendar!

Picture Re-take Day
November 21, 2011



Picture re-take day will be held on Monday, November 21st. This is open to any child who was out sick on the original date or for anyone who is unhappy with their original picture. If you choose to do a re-take, please send back the original picture packet and try again!! (original pictures will not arrive home for a couple of weeks)

HELPFUL HINTS: Label all backpacks, jackets, lunchboxes, books, instruments with your child's name. We get a lot of items into the office and we don't know who they belong to.

The Crocker Lost and Found is located in the hallway outside the guidance office. Twice a year it is emptied and all items are either disposed of or sent to the survival center. Take a peak every so often, you'd be surprised what you may find!!

Remember to always check into the office to sign in and take a visitor's pass! We will be happy to assist you!!

If you would like to be receiving the Chronicles via email, please send me your email and child's name to Aldrichca@comcast.net

Any questions? Call the main line at 362-1600

